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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ANDOVER,

FEBRUARY 20, 1859.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following items, viz:

1858.

March	11.	Received of George Sleeper, in receipts,	\$125,24
	16.	“ “ R. F. Eastman, Collector	
		for 1857,	160,00
	20.	Rec'd of R. F. Eastman, collector, 1857,	35,00
April	13.	“ “ “ “	27,00
	18.	Received of John R. Emery,	2,00
May	1.	“ of R. F. Eastman,	100,00
	5.	“ of the town of Northfield,	2,39
	20.	“ of R. F. Eastman,	145,00
	22.	“ of N. Rail Road,	200,00
	24.	“ of R. F. Eastman,	32,00
	“	“ of George W. Thompson, Liquor	
		Agent,	30,00
June	23.	“ of Butterfield & Shirley, on the	
		John F. Huntoon execution,	63,10
	26.	“ of State Literary money,	100,60

July	6.	Received of Benjamin Cilley, collector,	170,00
	"	" R. F. Eastman,	27,00
	"	" George W. Thompson,	100,00
August	31,	" Benjamin Cilley,	180,00
Sept.	21.	" R. F. Eastman,	26,00
Oct.	2.	" Benjamin Cilley,	123,00
	2.	" County for support of paupers,	127,82
Nov.	20.	" Benjamin Cilley,	300,00
	27.	" R. F. Eastman,	28,00
	"	" Benjamin Cilley,	166,00
Dec.	16.	" R. F. Eastman,	25,00
	17.	" Benjamin Cilley,	310,00
	29.	" "	120,00
Jan.	12.	" Railroad tax,	230,30
	18.	" Benjamin Cilley,	171,00
Feb.	14.	" County pauper money,	141,00
	16.	" Benjamin Cilley,	470,00
	"	" County tax,	548,00
	"	" State tax,	245,70
	"	" Abatement of taxes,	17,03
	"	" Benjamin Cilley,	30,11
	"	" H. S. Clay,	24,37
	"	" R. F. Eastman,	60,00

Amounting to

\$4662,66

MONEY PAID OUT—OLD DEBTS.

1858.

March,	Paid R. F. Eastman, Auditor,	\$1 00
	" Aaron Cilley, Jr., "	1 00
	" Clark Durgin, Clerk fees,	10 17
	" John Batchelder,	1 00
	" George Sleeper,	6 50
May,	" " on Note,	106 00
	" Alfred Drury, land damage,	38 75
	" George Sleeper, Note,	112 04
	" " "	109 83
July,	" Edwin Drewry,	38 75
	" Samuel Robbins,	15 00
	" Samuel Philbrick,	10 50
August,	" Wm. Huntoon,	10 00
Oct.	" Nathan Kilborn, land damage,	92 91
	" Jonathan Stewart, on F. Pettengill's note for land damage,	67 45

1859.

Jan. Paid Jonathan French note, 209 56

\$830 56

EXTRA PAUPER EXPENSES.

March,	Paid N. H. Weeks, for support of Wm. Sanborn,	74 00
	“ George Sleeper,	11 85
	“ E. P. Gove,	8 25
	“ J. T. Bryant,	75
	“ G. W. Currier,	1 00
	“ Town of Claremont,	18 05
	“ G. W. Currier,	20 00
April	“ Town of Thornton, for Wm. Sanborn,	11 37
	“ L. A. Follinsby,	14 00
May,	“ Edward P. Gove,	1 87
July,	“ Jacob Fifield,	10 00
	“ L. A. Follinsby,	15 00
Aug.	“ Henry Weymouth,	9 78
	“ Town of Henniker,	15 89
	“ Jacob Fifield,	7 00
Oct.	“ Horace Rowe,	12 00
	“ L. A. Follinsby,	15 00
	“ Town of Claremont,	18 04
	“ Gooking & Dunlap,	4 05
	“ Tilton Elkins,	4 00
	“ Gooking & Dunlap,	2 87
	“ Mary E. Johnson,	4 00
	“ E. G. Kilborn, for Bartlett family,	1 58
	“ Town of Grafton, for board and nursing James Mitchel,	12 00
	“ James Russell, for boarding and nursing Mrs. Hazelton,	26 00
	“ J. H. Clement, for provision for Bartlett family,	2 00
	“ George Sleeper, for taking depositions in Heath case,	2 00
1859.		
Jan.	“ L. A. Follinsby, for E. K. Sargent and wife,	11 00
	“ H. A. Weymouth, for doctoring Mrs. Hazelton,	30 32
	“ “ “ Jeremiah Bartlett family,	46 45

Jan.	Paid Jacob Fifield, for support of Wm. Sanborn,	18 00
	“ H. S. Clay, for Bartlett family,	1 41
		\$429 53

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

March.	Paid A. R. Whittemore,	1 00
	“ George Straw,	2 00
	“ G. D. Dustin,	1 00
	“ Edwin Jones,	1 00
	“ G. W. Straw,	1 18
	“ G. W. Straw,	2 03
	“ Ebenezer Farnum,	5 00
	“ Lewis Heath,	83
April.	“ Mark J. Levenworth, land damage,	15 00
	“ Alfred Drury,	50
	“ Reuben Dearborn,	50
	“ M. J. Levenworth,	3 00
	“ Sam Cilley,	6 75
May.	“ J. C. Smith, damage,	10 00
	“ John Fellows, damage,	3 75
Sept.	“ Samuel Swett,	5 50
	“ Aaron Cilley,	17 53
	“ G. J. Sweatt,	1 00
	“ Enos Sleeper,	8 50
	“ J. G. D. Tucker,	1 00
Oct.	“ Enos Sleeper,	6 00
	“ Franklin Pettengill,	3 00
	“ Enos Sleeper,	15 00
	“ Elihu C. Merrill,	2 50
	“ Aaron Cilley,	2 00
	“ Charles H. Morrill,	3 00
	“ George Shaw,	2 40
	“ Hiram Morrill,	3 25
	“ G. S. Clemment, for lumber,	10 42
	“ Jedediah Browne, for lumber,	14 80
	“ Greene Greeley for stone culvert,	75
Dec.	“ A. R. Whittemore,	75
	“ D. M. Davis for work on bridge,	4 00
	“ A. Cilley for labor and plank,	3 07
	“ James Rowe, for labor,	1 96
	“ E. W. Durgin, “	4 00
1859.		
Jan.	“ Daniel Mitchel, “	5 00

Jan.	Paid Charles Fletcher, "	2 00
	" Nicholas Wallace, "	2 00
	" John Fellows, "	51 00
Feb.	" Willard A. Emery, for labor on the Philbrick and Brook roads,	7 85
	" A. Shaw, labor on Philbrick road,	4 60
	" Calvin Hoyt, "	1 88
	" Carlos Tilton, "	1 88
	" Alfred Weare, building culverts,	4 63
	" S. W. Sargeant, "	11 12
	" Nathan Durgin, labor on road,	1 50
	" John Davis, "	1 84
	" Hiram Fifield, for work on bridge,	2 00
	" Samuel Morrill, "	1 85
	" Eliphalet Bussiel, for lumber and labor,	10 99
	" John Wadley, for lumber,	15 94
	" Ebenezer Farnum, for lumber,	2 00
	" R. F. Eastman, "	7 10
	" J. R. Emery, "	5 00
	" Samuel Sanborn, "	25

 \$304 43

PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

July.	Paid G. M. Stevens,	17 00
	" E. C. Cilley,	26 00
	" Enos Sleeper,	18 00
	" Rufus L. Martin,	25 00
	" S. S. Moulton,	50 00
	" B. F. Kilborn,	20 00
	" Reuben Dearborn,	42 00
	" J. M. Buswell,	23 00
	" J. Brown,	22 26
August.	" John G. Weare,	15 00
	" Nehemiah Emerson,	42 00
Oct.	" A. S. Greeley,	30 00
	" Enos Sleeper,	21 59
	" E. C. Cilley,	31 32
	" G. M. Stevens,	34 88
	" Rufus L. Martin,	14 50
	" J. G. Weare,	34 50
	" R. Dearborn,	62 92
Dec.	" J. R. Emery,	69 98
	" B. F. Kilborn,	53 42

Jan.	Paid Nehemiah Emerson,	88 64
	“ Josiah Sawyer,	4 03
1859.		
Jan.	“ S. S. Moulton,	74 57
	“ J. Buswell,	49 26
	“ Jonathan Brown,	45 44
	“ Alonzo Greeley,	1 05
		\$916 86

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

March.	Paid S. Butterfield,	\$1 30
	“ B. W. Sanborn,	3 85
	“ S. Butterfield,	44
	“ John West,	16
	“ John West,	04
	“ Samuel Butterfield,	06
	“ J. West, for stamps,	96
	“ S. Butterfield, for paper and spickes,	47
	“ For paper, envelopes and stamps,	96
	“ S. Butterfield, for paper and ink,	38
		\$8 62

LAWYERS', SHERIFFS' AND WITNESS FEES.

March.	Paid Daniel Osgood,	3 58
	“ B. A. Rogers,	30 00
Oct.	“ John M. Shirley	2 00
Dec.	“ N. Bean, witness fees,	1 49
	“ Richard Fellows, witness fees,	1 61
	“ A. Cilley, for deposition,	3 95
Feb.	“ John Fellows,	8 98
	“ Gilbert Eastman,	32
	“ H. F. French,	08
	“ Benjamin Pettengill,	25
	“ D. F. Searle,	10
	“ Mrs. Burbank,	25
	“ Watson Dickerson,	17
	“ H. F. French,	50
		\$53 28

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Feb.	Paid County tax,	\$548 00
	“ State tax,	245 70
		\$793 70

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Feb	Paid abatement of taxes,	\$17 03
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CURRENT EXPENSES.

March.	Paid Samuel Robbins,	5 00
	“ S. S. Moulton, for use of house for meeting,	10 00
April.	“ Jonathan French, warden,	63 00
May.	“ S. Butterfield,	2 10
	“ Reuben Dearborn,	1 50
	“ Samuel Morrill, agent,	16 37
June.	“ Alfred Drury, moving bridge,	8 00
July.	“ George W. Thompson, Agent,	100 00
Sept.	“ Edwin Jones,	3 75
Oct.	“ G. W. Gardner, commissioner,	14 03
	“ S. S. Moulton,	3 00
	“ E. Judkins, damage of horse,	12 50
	“ Insurance on poor-house,	5 55
	“ John M. Shirley, for getting pauper money,	3 00
	“ Warden, county pauper money,	117 70
Feb.	“ Benjamin Cilley, collector's fees,	57 01
	“ R. F. Eastman, for services,	38 71
	“ J. R. Emery, “	28 07
	“ Samuel Swett, “	66 45
	“ board bill,	12 00
	“ R. F. Eastman, collector's fees,	13 23
	“ Samuel Swett, treasurer's fees,	19 64
	“ S. S. Moulton,	50
	“ John M. Shirley,	50
	“ postage,	03
	“ for board while perambulating town line,	1 90
	“ car fare and board to Newton,	7 00
	“ O. B. Davis, for board and horse-keeping,	1 00
	“ car fare to Goffstown after James Mitchel,	2 00
	“ board at Grafton,	50
	“ car fare to Danbury and back,	70
	“ J. C. Smith, for board,	65
		\$615 39
	Cash in the treasury,	\$693 76

RECAPITULATION.

The whole amount of money received by the Selectmen for the year ending February 20, 1859,
is \$4,662 66

AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Paid old debts,	830 56
“ extra pauper expenses,	429 53
“ extra highway,	304 43
“ school districts,	916 36
“ books and stationery,	8 62
“ lawyers', sheriffs', justices' and witness fees,	53 28
“ State and county tax,	793 70
“ abatement of taxes,	17 03
“ current expenses,	615 39
Cash in the treasury,	693 76
	\$4,662 66

OUTSTANDING DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due for warden's wages,	240 00
“ E. G. Graves,	1168 21
“ William Brown,	375 63
“ Deborah Tilton,	248 51
“ Watson Dickerson,	1572 55
“ Abby K. Swett,	1123 60
“ E. C. Cilley,	215 60
“ Ebenezer Bennett, jr.,	107 54
“ S. Swett,	146 48
“ School District No. 13,	10 80
	\$5208 97

DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from R. F. Eastman, collector for 1857,	\$253 33
“ Benjamin Cilley, collector,	225 00
“ George W. Thompson, Liquor Agent,	200 00
Cash in the Treasury,	693 76
	\$1372 09

The town is now in debt, over and above what they have due them,	\$3826 08
The town was in debt, Feb. 20, 1858,	\$3725 97
In debt, Feb. 20, 1859, more than Feb. 20, 1858,	\$100 11
SAMUEL SWETT,	} Selectmen of Andover.
JOHN R. EMERY,	
ROYAL F. EASTMAN,	

I, the undersigned Auditor of the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending Feb. 20, 1859, certify that I have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. G. GRAVES, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE POOR ESTABLISHMENT FROM FEB. 20, 1858, to FEB. 20, 1859.

Amount of property sold off the farm during the year ending Feb. 20, 1859,	\$250 43
Received of the County for the support of Paupers,	268 82
Due from the County, for the support of Sam Sleeper,	21 25
“ “ for Ezekiel Heath,	17 00
“ “ for Mary Heath,	17 00
Labor done off the farm,	21 52

Amounting to	596 02
Cash on hand,	161 00

\$757 02

Amount of property bought during the year ending Feb. 19, 1859,	\$311 68
Sold more than bought,	445 34
Whole amount of property on hand, Feb. 19, 1858,	1003 50
The whole amount of property now on hand, is	922 76
Leaving a deficit of	80 74
Sold more than bought,	311 68

\$230 94

Outstanding debts against the establishment,	205 01
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Leaving a balance in favor of the establishment, of \$25 93

SAMUEL SWETT,	} Overseers of the Poor.
JOHN R. EMERY,	
ROYAL F. EASTMAN,	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE TOWN OF ANDOVER :

In compliance with my legal duty, I herewith submit my report upon the schools of said town during my official term. No marked improvement has been made on any of our school houses during that period. We have some good ones, others are nuisances which ought to be speedily abated. The piggeries of some of our farmers are better than some of these people's colleges.

These penalties enforced on intelligence should be swept away by the strong hand of popular feeling and common interest. If our noble State would preserve her ancient renown of a nursery of giant men, her school houses must be such as to be part and parcel of the grand artistic temple of popular enlightenment, and not tophet-like, back linters to some cesspool of iniquity. The office of Prudential Committee is a most important one. It should be filled by men of common sense, and who will use it. Teachers should not be selected because they act with some political organization, have gulped down red hot, some cast iron dogmas of some religious sect, have some relationship to the prudential committee or his aunt, have soft-soaped themselves into the good graces of sucklings and superannuated spinsters, nor yet because they can be hired for a song. "Dog cheap" teachers are the most costly on earth.

They should not be endowed with a capacity to make a school room an asylum of tongues and sounds, but a furnace glowing with practical thoughts and living ideas. Nor to gallop a school over a frame work of mere mechanical memory—turning scholars into wingless parrots—but with systematized facts, with an analysis of principles and by causation to open wide the door of the understanding. Knowledge of human nature and capacity to deal with it, government, a ready faculty to instil, a fountain to instil from, are the requisites of good teachers.

To these the eyes of the Committee should be directed. It has been my aim by rigid examinations to raise the booked standard of teacher's qualifications. In this respect all our teachers stand well, some can hardly be excelled. The hyper-phrenological organ of tumbleaboutativeness is enormously developed in many of our schools. Our teachers fail most in good government. One of our summer and two of our winter village schools have thus been rendered nearly useless. The others rank in this respect from mediocrity up to excellence. By

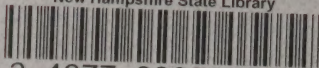
law no teacher can draw pay for services rendered, prior to an examination by the Superintending School Committee, and the exhibition of a certificate from him to the Prudential Committee. The teacher of the summer term in No. 7, did not apply to me until some three weeks after her school began; she successfully passed a rigid examination. Prudential Committees should be selected who have leisure to attend to their sworn duties. Some committees have failed to notify me, seasonably, of the closing of schools. No teacher can legally draw pay until he or she has furnished an accurate report to the Superintending School Committee. Our teachers have mainly performed this duty, others but partially. The only open outbreak was in No. 15. I was compelled to dismiss two of the larger boys from that school. Had the teacher possessed less amiability, more muscle, steam power, and confidence in his own powers, I might have been spared this disagreeable duty. The practice of children in pinafores, of entering upon the studies of Algebra, Greek, Latin, &c., before they understand the rudiments of their native tongue, is a great and growing evil fostered by the morbid ambition of parents and the love of plumes in teacher and scholar.

Practical utilities should be learned first. Mere accomplishments, peacocks' feathers, comet tails, can be glued on when there is nothing else to do. Scholars in book-keeping have made good progress. That and Arithmetic should be twin sisters, go hand in hand. Both have the merit of utility. For further particulars reference is made to the tabular statement hereto annexed. On the whole our schools compare favorably with those in adjoining towns. All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN M. SHIRLEY,
Superintending School Committee of Andover.

Andover, Feb. 21, 1859.

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